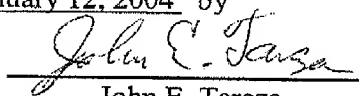


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Sir:

In response to the Official communication mailed December 12, 2003, wherein the Examiner set a one-month period for response, this response is timely. Please amend as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.